

**MINUTES
EVERGREEN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
JANUARY 26, 2024- REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING**

The public meeting of the Board of Directors of the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District, pursuant to notice, was at the District Office, 110 Wyoming Blvd., Pleasanton, Atascosa County, Texas.

Directors Present: Blaine Schorp, President
Darrell Brownlow, Vice President
Clayton Neal, Secretary/Treasurer
Larry Bartek
Amanda Wheeler
Edward Griffin
Thomas Moy III

Directors Absent: Weldon Riggs
Sherman Posey

Employees Present: Aarin Teague, General Manager
Melissa Gonzalez, District Secretary
Christopher McFarlane, Assistant Manager
Landon Yosko, Technical Specialist

Guests Present: Attached.

Agenda: Attached.

Declaration of Quorum and Call to Order:

President Schorp declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. The meeting was posted and filed as required by law.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Recess to Public Hearing

Public Hearing- Water Well Drilling and Production Permit Applications

a. Call to Order:

President Schorp called the Public Hearing to order at 9:06 a.m.

b. Public Comments:

No public comments.

c. Drilling/Production Permit Applications:

The Board was presented with a drilling and production permit application for Roger Kinkaid (Drilling/Production Permit#3092) for a new well to be located in Wilson County for Irrigation use. Director Brownlow moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Griffin seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

The Board was presented with a drilling and production permit application for Pearsall TX Crops (Drilling/Production Permit#3093) for a new well to be located in Frio County for Irrigation use. Director Brownlow moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Neal seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

The Board was presented with a drilling and production permit application for LLV Ranch (Drilling/Production Permit#3094) for a new well to be located in Frio County for Irrigation use. Director Bartek moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Griffin seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

The Board was presented with a drilling and production permit application for Rodina Ranch LTD (Drilling/Production Permit#3095) for a new well to be located in Atascosa County for Irrigation use. Director Brownlow moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Neal seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

The Board was presented with a drilling and production permit application for Mark Cluck (Drilling/Production Permit#3096) for a new well to be located in Wilson County for Irrigation use. Director Brownlow moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Wheeler seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

The Board was presented with a drilling and production permit application for Taylor Floyd (Drilling/Production Permit#3097) for a new well to be located in Frio County for Industrial use. Director Brownlow moved to approve the drilling and production permit. Director Griffin seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

d. Adjourn:

President Schorp called the Public Hearing adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Reconvene to Regular Meeting

Public Comments on Agenda Items, Limited to 5 minutes each:

None.

Approval of Minutes from the December 21, 2023 Board of Directors Meetings:

The minutes of the December 21, 2023 meeting were presented to the board. Director Moy moved to approve the minutes as presented. Director Wheeler seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Report of Bills Paid, Deposits, and Financial Statements for December 2023:

The report of bills paid, deposits, and financial statements for December were presented to the Board. Director Brownlow moved to receive and file the reports. Director Griffin seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Invitation for Bid for Office Security Fencing:

Director Griffin made the motion authorizing solicitation for invitation for bid for office security fencing. Director Wheeler seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Memorandum of Understanding with Texas A&M University-San Antonio for Internship Opportunities:

Director Brownlow made the motion authorizing execution and amendment as necessary of a memorandum of understanding with Texas A&M- San Antonio for student internship opportunities. Director Wheeler seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Scholarship Packet:

Director Wheeler made the motion approving the scholarship packet. Director Griffin seconded the motion, and there being no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Briefing Regarding Status of Drought in the District:

Chris McFarlane gave an update on the drought conditions in the district.

General Manager's Report:

- **Legislative and Legal Updates:**
No updates given.
- **December Activities:**
There were no citizen requests this month.
 - Meetings
 - GMA 15
 - Stakeholder
 - Judge Whitman
 - Judge Hedtke
 - 8 Exempt Well Registrations (5 Karnes, 3 Wilson)
 - Programs
 - Permittee Support- Annual Pumping Report
 - Permit Application Drafts
 - Water Quality Samples
 - Monitoring In Field Phone App Development
 - Draft Permit Revamp
- **Permit Activities:**
Chris McFarlane gave an update on the Permit Management Program.

- **Pumping Reports:**

Landon Yosko gave a December to January aquifer comparison for the Carrizo, Queens City, and Gulf Coast Aquifers.

- **Upcoming Activities:**

- Drafting Annual Report
- Meetings
 - TAG-D Business Meeting – January 30th-31st
 - GMA 13- February 9th
 - Kickoff- Transmissivity Project with Interra – February 6th
- Stakeholder Meet and Greet
 - City of Pearsall
- Programs
 - Processing annual pumping reports
 - Public water supply permit audit
 - Scholarship and Internship Program
- Operations
 - IT Software Updates
 - Depository Services/Investment Portfolio Review
- Team Development
 - Job Descriptions, Goals & Objectives

- Executive Committee Meeting was scheduled for February 9, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.
- Education Committee Meeting was scheduled for February 16, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Items to be Placed on the Next Agenda:

- Executive Session – Mid-Year Personnel Reviews
- GM Annual Report

Set Date and Time for Next Board of Directors Meeting:

The Board agreed to set the next meeting date for Friday, February 23, 2024 at 9 a.m. at the District Office in Pleasanton, TX 78064.

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Schorp declared the meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.


Blaine Schorp, President

ATTEST:


Clayton Neal, Secretary/Treasurer